
2026 PERSPECTIVE / GEOPOLITICAL RISK

Geo Hedge: *Corridors* First

Structuring assets to survive fractured blocs still means liquidity when wires slow and lists change mid-quarter.

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Geo-political hedging aligns portfolios and operations with sanctions risk, cross-border banking reality, commodity stress, and jurisdiction diversification—without mistaking media narratives for legal clearance or

liquidity. Pair with jurisdictional arbitrage for structural options, robustness vs. resilience under shocks, causal loop diagrams for feedback between policy and markets, and entropy as rules, routes, and relationships drift.

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01 **Exposure map**

Countries, banks, suppliers—owners.

02 **Sanctions owner**

Screening tool, update cadence, escalation.

03 **Liquidity ladder**

Currencies, settlement paths, buffers.

04 **Legal sign-off**

Nexus memo; conflicts named.

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